ABSTRACT

Systems and methods are disclosed for redirecting the boot operations of one or more systems. One implementation includes a master system coupled to a slave system. The slave system includes a programmable interface. A storage mechanism external to the slave system includes a remote boot image. The master system updates the programmable interface of the slave system to retrieve the remote boot image. The slave system boots from the remote boot image. In one implementation, the programmable interface of the slave controller includes a system controller, which is programmed by the master system to redirect a boot image retrieval request to the storage mechanism including the remote boot image. In one implementation, a corresponding update is made to the system controller of the master system. In one implementation, multiple boot requests of multiple slave systems are redirected to the same or different boot images.

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